

## Sediment Testing

### ■ Where we've been

- ▶ Jun 2013 – First overall protocol is developed and utilized for all applicants during ROA process
- ▶ Jun – Oct 2013 – Several different types of projects are processed utilizing overall protocol
- ▶ Nov 2013 – Determine need to minimize and streamline testing for maintenance material
- ▶ Nov 2013-Feb 2014 - Development of maintenance material protocol
- ▶ Mar 2014 – Draft Maintenance material protocol completed
- ▶ Mar-Aug 2014 – Outreach with contractors, labs, researchers, Ports to continue to develop the protocol
- ▶ Aug-Oct 2014 – Test cases using draft protocol with various entities
- ▶ Oct 2014 - Presentation of Protocol with Texas Ports Association (underlying landowners)



# 3rd party use of federal placement areas

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#### ► Highlights from current documents

- Sampling frequency
- Elutriate testing
- Field tests
- Testing frequency
- Tables
- Focus is on maintenance material (98% of requests)
- New work evaluated on case by case basis with a minimum standard of the maintenance protocol
- Report example provides language and guidance on results discussion
- A conclusion needs to be presented 'Based on a, b, c, the dredge material is suitable for placement at Upland Confined \_\_\_\_\_'



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### ■ Where we're going

- ▶ Oct - Nov 2014 - Currently evaluating comments from Texas Ports Association
- ▶ Nov - Dec 2014- Finalize documents
- ▶ Dec 2015 – Publish annual revision of protocol based on what we learned the previous year
- ▶ Build databases of information to potentially eventually allow further time between testing based on historical testing data



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